Government is also implementing special programmes for eradication of poverty and generation of employment opportunities, both in rural and urban areas.

Migrant Workers outside the country

3443. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of migrant labourers working outside the country;

(b) whether all of them had obtained the official permission for migration;

(c) whether Government have any machinery to monitor and co-ordinate the movement of migrant labour outside the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) There are about five million Indian citizens working abroad. The Emigration Act, 1983 regulates the migration of Indian citizens for overseas employment on contractual basis. The deployment of such workers is regulated through Protector of Emigrants and Indian Missions abroad.

Seventeen categories of persons (list given in Statement-I below) are not required to take emigration clearance. Such clearance is also not necessary for fifty countries, (list given in Statement-II).

Statement-I

ECNR Categories

1. Persons going abroad in managerial capacity in hotels, restaurants, tea houses or other places of public resort, etc., possessing specialised degrees in these fields.

2. All Gazetted Government servants.

3. Income-tax payers (including agricultural income-tax payers) in respect of their individual capacity; Proof of assessment to Income-tax and actual payment of Income-tax for last three years to be insisted upto and not merely payment of advance tax.

4. All professional Degree Holders, such as Doctors holding M.B.B.S. degrees or Degrees in Ayurved or Engineer;

   Chartered Accountants;

   Cost Accountants;

   Lecturers;

   Teachers;

   Scientists; Advocates etc.

5. Spouses and dependent children of category of persons, listed from (2) to (4).

6. All persons who have been staying abroad for more than three years (the period of three years could be either in one stretch or broken) and spouses, and children of such persons.

7. Seamen who are in possession of Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDS) and Sea cadets (Engineering Trainees) Dock cadets (i) who have passed final examination of 3 years B.Sc. Nautical Sciences Courses at T.S. Chanakya, Mumbai & (ii) who have undergone 3-months Pre-Sea training at any of the Govt, approved Training Institutes such as T.S. Chanakya, T.S. Rehman, T.S. Jawahar, MTI (SCI) and NIPM, Chennai after production of Identity Cards issued by the Shipping Master, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai.

8. All holders of Diplomatic/Official Passports.

9. Dependent children of parents whose passports are classified as ECNR. In the case of such children, ECNR classification to be restricted until they attain 24 years of age.

10. Persons holding permanent Immigration visas, such as in UK, USA and Australia.

11. Persons holding Graduate or higher degrees.

12. Persons holding Diplomas from recognised institutions like Polytechnics.

13. Nurses possessing qualification recognised under the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947.

14. All persons above the age of 60 years.

15. All visitors to Pakistan, Bangladesh, Japan, New-Zealand and Australia.

16. All persons going to any country in Europe or North America (excluding CIS states).

17. Persons possessing certificates of vocational training from Government/Government recognised institutions.

Statement-II

List of countries for which emigration check is not required

1. Albania
2. Australia
3. Austria
4. Bahamas
5. Bangladesh
6. Bhutan (Passports not required)
7. Bulgaria
8. Canada
9. Cyprus
10. Czeck Republic
11. Denmark
12. Estonia
13. Finland
14. France
15. Germany
16. Gibraltar
17. Greece
18. Greenland
19. Hungary
20. Ireland

21. Iceland
22. Italy
23. Japan
24. Latvia
25. Liechtenstein
26. Lithuania
27. Luxembourg
28. Malta
29. Mexico
30. Monaco
31. Nepal (Passport not required)
32. Netherlands
33. New Zealand
34. Norway
35. Pakistan
36. Poland
37. Portugal
38. Romania
39. San Marino
40. Slovak Republic
41. Spain
42. Sweden
43. Switzerland
44. The Holysea
45. Turkey
46. United States
47. United Kingdom
48. Vatican City
49. Yugoslavia
50. Belgium